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SUBJ: LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AUG. 28 WITH FONMIN SOARES

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SUMMARY: DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS,
FONMIN MARIO SOARES SAID HE WOULD ATTEND TRANSFER OF
POWER CEREMONY IN BISSAU ON SEPT. 10 AND WILL HOLD
ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH FRELIMO ON SEPT. 5. SOARES
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DENIED HIS MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED ANY ARAB OFFER

AS QUID FOR NON-RENEWAL OF LAJES BASE AND DENIED THAT SOVIETS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH CONSULATE IN AZORES. SOARES ALSO SAID CHINA WILLING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS AS SOON AS DECOLONIZATION ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

1. FOUR EMBOFFS ATTENDED LUNCHEON AGUSUT 28 WITH FONMIN MARIO SOARES, PORTUGUESE UN AMBASSADOR VEIGA SIMAO, SOARES' AIDE AND SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER JORGE CAMPINOS, AND FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL SA MACHADO.

2. DURING ENSUINRG CONVERSATION SOARES HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY ON RECENT MEETING IN ALGIERS WITH PAIGC: PORTUGUESE HAD SUGGESTED THAT FINAL CEREMONY TURNING OVER REINS OF POWER TO PAIGC BE CARRIED OUT IN BISSAU AND LISBON ON SEPT. 12 (BIRTHDAY OF PAIGC MARTYR AMILCAR CABRAL). HOWEVER TO HIS SURPRISE PAIGC DELEGATION INSTEAD SUGGESTED CEREMONY BE HELD ON SEPT. 10. SOARES SAID HE LATER FOUND OUT FROM ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE THAT GUINEANS IN DELEGATION HAD VETOED THE 12TH BECAUSE IN THEIR VIEW IT WOULD HAVE EUOLOGIZED A CAPE VERDIAN (ALTHOUGH BORN IN GUINE CABRAL WAS A CAPE VERDIAN). SOARES SAID THAT TENSIONS BETWEEN NATIVE GUINEANS AND CAPE VERDIANS ON THE RISE AND THAT PROBLEM OVER DATE FOR CEREMONY ONLY ONE INDICATION OF SERIOUSNESS OF THIS ESSENTIALLY RACIAL DISPUTE.

3. ACCORDING TO SOARES PAIGC, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY INSISTED ON A THREE-PART CEREMONY (LISBON, BISSAU, CONAKRY), AGREED DURING THE ALGERIAN TALKS TO DROP CONAKRY PART OF CEREMONY. THERE WILL BE INSTEAD A CEREMONY IN LISBON ON SEPTM 10 AND ANOTHER ONE IN BISSAU SAME DAY WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY SOARES AND ALMEIDA SANTOS, MINISTER OF INTER-TERRITORIAL COORDINATION.

4. SOARES WAS ASKED WHETHER OR NOT PORTUGUESE TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN BISSAU AFTER OCT. 31. HE SAID COMBAT TROOPS WOULD NOT REMAIN. HOWEVER, PAIGC HAD REQUESTED EXTENSIVE PORTUGUESE ASSISTANCE OF ALL TYPES AND HE BELIEVES THAT IN TECHNICAL ACCOMMODATION WHICH WILL FOLLOW BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS IT POSSIBLE THAT PORTUGUESE MILITARY DOCTORS, AS WELL AS CIVILIAN AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, MIGHT REMAIN. HOWEVER, DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT IN FUTURE.

5. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD BE GOING TO LUSAKA ON SEPT. 5 IN ORDER TO HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH FRELIMO. HE "VERY OPTIMISTIC" THAT THESE TALKS WILL SOON REACH SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. HE DID NOT HOWEVER PROMISE THAT ACCORD WOULD BE REACHED AT THIS LUSAKA MEETING. HE

SAID THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS (AND IN FACT CONTRARY TO WHAT HE HAD EXPECTED) SPINOLA IS "ENTIRELY WITH HIM" REGARDING DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALTHOUGH HE GAVE NO SPECIFICS, WE PRESUME SPINOLA MAY HAVE AGREED TO AT LEAST A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY FOR FRELIMO REPS IN INTERIM MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT.

6. ON QUESTION OF ALLEGED ARAB OFFER FOR NON-RENEWAL OF LAJES BASE AGREEMENT (REF B) SOARES DENIED THERE ANY TRUTH TO STORY HIS MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED SUCH OFFER. SOARES SAID ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE ALSO HAD QUERIED HIM ABOUT ALLEGED ARAB OFFER. SOARES CLAIMS HE TOLD BOUMEDIENE JUST WHAT HE TELLING US, THAT STORY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. HE SMILED AND SAID THAT LOGICALLY HAD PORTUGAL RECEIVED SUCH AN OFFER HE WOULD NOT DENY IT BUT RATHER TELL US OFFER TRUE IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON USG. HE SUGGESTED THAT ORIGINAL RUMOR MAY HAVE BEEN SPREAD BY "ISRAELI AGENTS."

7. SIMILARLY, SOARES ABSOLUTELY DENIED THAT SOVIETS HAD SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH CONSULATE IN AZORES (REF A). REGARDING NUMBER OF RUSSIANS WHO WOULD MAN NEW SOVIET EMBASSY IN LISBON, SOARES SAID FIGURE OF SOMETHING LIKE 23 OFFICERS STUCK IN HIS MIND. SA MACHADO LAUGHINGLY SAID RUSSIANS WOULD HAVE A TOTAL STAFF AT LEAST AS LARGE AS THAT OF US EMBASSY.

8. SOARES SAID CHINESE WILLING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AS SOON AS DECOLONIZATION ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH MOZAMBIQUE. (COMMENT: APPARENTLY CHINESE NOT NOW INSISTING ON PRIOR AGREEMENT RE ANGOLA.) WHAT WOULD BE FATE OF TAIWAN? SOARES SMILED AND SAID "YOU AMERICANS HAVE SHOWN US THE ANSWER TO THIS ONE, WE WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE."
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